50. Ash-Shahid (The Witness)

"When you know that Allah witnesses your every state, you will be shy to be in any state that displeases Him."

- Al-Qushayri (986-1072 CE)
Source: "Al-Risala al-Qushayriyya" (The Qushayri Epistle)

Anyone who has a disobedient wife and/or children should place his hand on her/their forehead and repeat this Beautiful Name of Allah 21 times and blow on them. They will soon become obedient , Insha Allah - Al Hisnul Hasin

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The Most Beautiful Names of Allah ﷻ

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ASH-SHAHEED ﷻ (THE WITNESS ﷻ)

Shaheed has many different meanings.

1.) Shaheed can mean shaahid (ism-faail). The meaning of Ash-Shaheed is similar to Al-Aleem ﷻ except that it is more specific. Allaahﷻ is the Knower of hidden and apparent things (aalimul ghaib wash shahaadah). *Ghaib* means those things which are hidden and *shahaadah* means those things which are apparent. Allaah ﷻ is fully aware of everything whether apparent of hidden. If only knowledge is taken into consideration, then Allaah ﷻ is Al-Aleem ﷻ. If knowledge in relation to hidden things is considered, then Allaahﷻ is Al-Khabeer. If knowledge in relation to apparent things is considered, then Allaah ﷻ is Ash-Shaheed.

Allaah ﷻ is completely aware of everything. He ﷻ is such a Sovereign whose kingdom encompasses every atom of the heavens and earth, and who is aware of the minutest condition of the atom of every single object. He ﷻ is aware of the oppression being meted out to the oppressed; He ﷻ will assist him; and He ﷻ is also aware of the oppression of the oppressor, He ﷻ will punish him – either in this world or in the hereafter.

Allaah ﷻ states,

وَاللّٰهُ شَهِيْدٌ عَلٰى مَاتَعْمَلُوْنَ

And Allaahﷻ is aware of all the actions you are doing.

(Aal-Imraan)

This is an address to the Jews and Christians. After hearing the clear proofs of truthfulness and accuracy and after listening to such true and solid speech of the Qur'an Kareem, what has happened to them? In spite of being called Ahle-Kitab (people of the Book), they are adamant to refute the speech of Allaahﷻ and the one who has brought it. Remember! All of their actions are before Allaahﷻ. He ﷻ knows well

their intentions and plans. When He catches hold of them, He will take reckoning of every small matter.

2.) Shaheed means a witness who testifies to the truthfulness of the claimant in a dispute.

In Surah Aal-Imraan the following verse is mentioned:

شَهِدَ اللّهُ أَنَّهُ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ وَالْمَلآئِكَةُ وَأُوْلُواْ الْعِلْمِ قَآئِمَاً بِالْقِسْطِ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ

Allaah, the angels and the people of knowledge testify that there is none worthy of worship besides Allaah maintaining (His creation) with justice. There is none worthy of worship besides Him, the Most Powerful, the All-Wise. (Aal-Imraan)

Here, three testimonies are mentioned. One is the testimony of Allaah ﷻ himself, the second is that of the angels and the third testimony is that of the people of knowledge. Allaah ﷻ's testimony is in a figurative sense. This means that Allaah ﷻ's Being, his qualities, and all His manifestations and creation are open signs of His oneness."

ہر گیا ہے کہ از زمیں روید وحدہ لا شریک لہ گوید

زمین سے اگنے والی گھاس کی ہر ہر پتی زبان حال سے توحید کی دیتی ہے گواہی

Every particle on the surface of the earth testifies that He is alone and has no partner

Every grass growing on the earth gives testimony of His Oneness.

A poet describes the signs of Allaah ﷻ in the following manner:

و في كل شيء له آية تدل على انه واحد

In everything there is a sign which points to the fact that He is one.

Besides this, His messengers and revealed books also testify to His oneness. All of these are from Allaah ﷻ. Thus, it is as if He ﷻ testifies that there is none worthy of worship save Him.

Allaah ﷻ states:

سَنُرِيهِمْ آيَاتِنَا فِي الْآفَاقِ وَفِي أَنفُسِهِمْ

Soon We will show them Our signs (of our oneness and complete power) in the horizons and in themselves. (Fussilat)

افاق is the plural of افق. This refers to the lowest level of the sky. Here the meaning of آفاق is every corner of the universe i.e. ponder over all the small and big creations in the whole universe (e.g. the creation of the earth, the heavens and whatever is between them). They all testify to the existence of Allaah ﷻ, to the fact that His knowledge and power is all-encompassing, and to His uniqueness. Closer to this is man's own life and body. Look at each limb and all the fine and delicate machines working therein. For the easiness and comfort of man, such arrangements have been made which baffles one's intelligence. This delicate machinery is fashioned so resolutely and firmly that for 70 to 80 years, it never becomes worn out. If the spring in man's joints was manufactured by humans, then even a metal spring would have become worn out and would have become defunct. The skin of the hands as well as the small lines and marks on them do not fade away during one's entire life. If a person with the least amount of intelligence and understanding ponders, then he will be forced to admit that his Creator and Sustainer must be a Being whose knowledge and power is never-ending and who has no equal.

Similarly, the odour, smell, taste, form and shape of fruits or flowers, their sprouting in particular seasons or their growth in specific pieces of land, the juice and water emerging there-from, all testify to the existence of Allaah ﷻ for a person with intelligence and wisdom.

The shape of a walnut is similar to that of a head and its nut is similar to the brain. This formation lends support to the fact that this is especially beneficial for the brain. The shape of pistachios is like that of the heart and its nut shows that it is beneficial for the heart. The pomegranate seems to be filled with blood; and is therefore beneficial for the heart and liver. The colour of berries and jambulana show that they are beneficial for the liver. The shape of the apple shows that it gives

strength to the heart and there is iron found in it. Thus, it creates blood and by the command of Allaah ﷻ, it benefits the stomach and liver.

In Surah An'aam as well, Allaahﷻ calls towards tawheed (belief in His Oneness) proving that the only Being truly worthy of worship is Him ﷻ. Once a delegation from the people of Makkah came to Nabee ﷺ and said, "Who is your witness for the claim which you make that you are the messenger of Allaah? We have not found anyone testifying that you are a messenger, even though we have launched a full investigation from the Jews and Christians." The following verse was then revealed:

قُلْ أَيُّ شَيْءٍ أَكْبَرُ شَهَادةً

Say, whose testimony can be greater than that of Allaahﷻ?" (Anaam)

Allaah ﷻ is that Being in whose control lies the entire universe and harm and benefit of all. So whose testimony can be greater? Then say, "Allaah ﷻ is a witness between me and you." This refers to those *mu'jizaat* (miracles) and clear signs which Allaah ﷻ made apparent to show that Rasulullaah ﷺ was a truthful messenger. Thereafter, Allaah ﷻ addresses the inhabitants of Makkah saying:

أَئِنَّكُمْ لَتَشْهَدُونَ أَنَّ مَعَ اللّهِ آلِهَةً أُخْرَى قُل لاَّ أَشْهَدُ قُلْ إِنَّمَا هُوَ إِلَـهٌ وَاحِدٌ وَإِنَّنِي بَرِيءٌ مِّمَّا تُشْرِكُونَ

Then (after the testimony of Allaahﷻ) do you testify that there is another deity with Allaah? (If this is so, then ponder over your end result) Say, 'He is only one deity and I am free from your shirk (polytheism).' (Anaam)

In the above mentioned verses, tawheed is clearly established and polytheism is clearly negated.